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Death of TIRIDATES.
SAPOR II (Persia) seizes
Armenia

Cafu became part of the
Byzantine Empire.

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34th Pope was St. Mark
Rome, the 1st pope who conferred
the pallium

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Preparation for Persian
war.

The earliest mention of an anniversary of the birth of Christ on Christmas Day is in the so-called PHILOCALIAN Calendar in which the entry reads

VIII. Kal. Jan. natus Christus in
Bethlem Judeae.
The date was chosen to offset the

imperial feast of the NATALIS SOLIS
INVICTI (the birthday of the unconquered
sun) with its Mithraic overtones

Dec. 25 - 8th day before Kalends of Jan

Dec 26 - 7th

Dec 27 - 6th

Dec 28 - 5th

Dec 29 - 4th

Dec 30 - 3rd

Dec 31 - eve

Jan 1 - Kal Jan.

(Cath. Encyc.)

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Earliest mention of an Annunciation
of the birth of Christ on Christmas
Day (= Dec. 25) is the so-called
PITHOLOCALIAN Calendar in which the
entry, which may be dated to
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VIII. kal. Ian. natus Christus in
Betleem Iudaeae

over

The Count (Roman) went as follows:

VIII. Kal. Ian.	=	25 Dec	Was chosen to
VII. Kal. Ian.	=	26 Dec	offer the imperial
VI. Kal. Ian.	=	27 Dec	feast of the NATALIS
V. Kal. Ian.	=	28 Dec	SOLIS INVICTI the
IV. Kal. Ian.	=	29 Dec	birthdays of the sun-
III. Kal. Ian.	=	30 Dec	vanquished sun)
Eve. Kal. Ian.	=	31 Dec	with its Mithraic
Kalends	=	1 JAN	inertness

Count 8 including both first and last
i.e. Fri - Sat - Sun = 3 days.

Constantine. conquered many of
the Dacian territories conquered
by TRAJAN

By 336

Constantine was an old man of 63 or 64.
His plans for the succession rested on the
3 surviving sons of his marriage to
Fausta, and the son of his half-brother
FLAVIUS DALMATIUS.

By this time he had effectively
divided the empire among the four of them.
Constantine II took the west, Constantius, the east
and Crispus Italy and the Upper Danube.

The fourth Caesar FLAVIUS DALMATIUS, junior
was installed on 18 Sept 335 and given
command of Greece & the Lower Danube.

This was an independent arrangement

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Constantine, summoned Arius
to Constantinople where he died
suddenly

completed 354

Book of *Furios Dionysius Felocalus*.

The oldest extant compilation of time, place & circumstances of martyr's death & burial. It contains an invaluable list of popes and martyrs, together with epideictions of other Roman commemorations, e.g. Christmas.

Constantine founded a library at Constantinople in 336 which became large and famous.

The Crusaders caused its partial destruction, which was made complete by the Moslems conquest (1453)

- 336 reigned

St. MARCUS was 34th Pontiff
He succeeded SYLVESTER I

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December 25 celebrated
as Feast of Nativity of Christ.